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<b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 3738</b>  Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	PA1.X-002CON 9912
	First Named Inventor	Preissman
	Application Number	09/828,539
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	Group Art Unit	3738
	Examiner Name	Cheryl Miller
	Title	ENHANCED VISIBILITY MATERIALS FOR IMPLANTATION IN HARD TISSUE

*RESP. AMDT. DCA*  
*J. Byce*  
*1/14/04*

Sir:

Entry of the following Amendment is requested. This Amendment is submitted After Final and the Examiner Answer to the Appeal Brief filed October 10, 2003, but prior to transfer to the Board.

Thus, its entry is permitted.

Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.